

House Resolution No. 3109

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago William L. Groth, Jr., took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Evangeline Rosemary Tolentino, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on June 11, 1955, at Midland Presbyterian Church in Saint Louis; and

Whereas, five decades later Evangeline and William Groth of Saint Louis will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on June 18, 2005; and

Whereas, the marital union of Evangeline and William Groth has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children, Marjorie Elizabeth Larsen, William Lenhart Groth, III, Charles Elliott Groth, John Edward Groth, and Mary Katherine O'Neill, and ten wonderful grandchildren, John C. Larson, William R. Larsen, Charles S. Larsen, Edward A. Larsen, Sophia M. Larsen, James A. Larsen, Ashley J. Groth, William L. Groth, IV, Elliott C. Groth, and David M. Groth; and

Whereas, a military veteran who served as an artillery officer in the United States Army, William Groth subsequently supported his family through his activities as an educator and as a biologist for the Army Corps of Engineers; and

Whereas, the designer and builder of Lewis and Clark Museum exhibits, Evangeline Groth has ensured that her family enjoys a warm, cheery, and inviting home; and

Whereas, Evangeline and William Groth will use the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Evangeline and William Groth during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Evangeline and William Groth and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Evangeline and William Groth of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Avery
District No. 95

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3109, adopted May 10, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker